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11. (U) The Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs released the following statement on the death of terrorist Abu Musab Al Zarqawi calling his death "a success" in the fight against international terrorism and reaffirming the country's support for the new Iraqi government. The original text is available in Slovak at www.mzv.sk:

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic considers the elimination of the head of the Iraqi branch of Al Qaida and the most wanted terrorist in Iraq Abu Musab Al Zarqawi a success in the fight against international terrorism. Al Zarqawi was behind a series of suicide attacks with hundreds of victims. The Slovak Republic will continue to support the efforts of the new Iraqi government to consolidate the security conditions in the country in order to stabilize the situation and return to peaceful development in Iraq.

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